

## UPHOLD TENANTS IN FIGHT FOR LOWER RENTS

A Supreme Court Justice, Senators and Assemblymen Pledge Support.

### THE UNION'S DEMANDS.

Want Restrictive Legislation Against Raise of Rents with Change of Owners.

One Supreme Court Justice, three State Senators and nine Assemblymen pledged to do all in their power to relieve the burdens of oppressed tenants in the fight being waged against grasping landlords by the Tenants Union. There ought to be relief of some sort developed this winter for the tenant whose rent is jerked skyward every time his habitat changes hands.

President Cornelius Donovan, of the Tenants' Union, sent a letter of inquiry to every candidate for office in the late election. The successful candidates, who endorsed the movement and went on record when their ambitions were aspired before the electorate are as follows:

#### Supreme Court.

**JOHN FORD**—I regard the rent question, which, of course, is the land question, as one of the greatest that confronts the people of this city. The only relief that I can see within the pale of practical politics just now is to open up the unsettled sections of the city by rapid transit railroad lines at a three-cent fare. By distributing the population the rent evil for Manhattan and congested Brooklyn would be mitigated for some time. Our constitutions and laws must eventually be amended in regard to relations between landlord and tenant.

#### Senate.

**MARTIN SAXE**—I shall be pleased to support any practical proposition for equitable rents in the city. My record in the Legislature should be taken as an evidence of the fact that I am always ready to support the interests of the people.

**WILLIAM SOMMER**—I am in hearty sympathy with and will support any effort to reduce rents.

**THOMAS F. GRAHAM**—In most unequivocal terms I desire to be understood as pledged to the tenant's cause in its every reasonable effort.

#### Assembly.

**ADOLPH STEIN**—I shall support any bill or any constitutional measure that is calculated to lighten the burden of the tenant. It is my earnest wish to help the landlords against us.

**JOHN C. HACKETT**—I will heartily support any measure that the Tenants' Union may see fit to send to the Legislature.

**PHILIP REECE**—I am a flat rent payer, and I am in favor of legislation to remove existing evils of the rent system.

**JOHN T. EAGLETON**—I have had considerable experience in the real estate line, and am at the service of the tenants of New York.

**W. HICKLEY**—I am in accord with the movement to lower rents.

**DAVIN S. STONE**—I shall do everything in my power to bring about as low rents as property valuations will permit.

**A. GAVILLIER**—Rents are too high in Manhattan and the Bronx. You work for your landlord and not for yourself. I am in favor of legislative reform, if possible.

**JOSEPH M. BELLAR**—The work of the Tenants' Union is the kind that should be encouraged in Albany.

**EVERLEY R. ROBINSON**—I am ready at all times to hear lighten the burdens of oppressed tenants.

**Why Not Restrictive Legislation?**

Mr. Donovan will shortly call a meeting of his executive committee, at No. 100 Broadway, to consider the best method of procedure.

"I shall also invite the gentlemen who have generously offered to plead the cause of the tenants in the legislative halls of the state, in session, and am anxious that each speaker can be found for legislative relief.

Lawyers are licensed to charge no more than a legal rate of interest.

Why not legislation to the same effect against the grasping landlord, compelling him at least to give ninety days' notice in the event of a contemplated raise in the rent?"

## DIES OF A BEATING ROBBERS GAVE HER

Police Search Again for Ellen Casey, Whom Victim Accused, but Was Set Free.

As a direct result, it is said, of injuries inflicted in an assault upon her by a man and woman on June 21 last, Mrs. Mary Green, sixty-five years old, of No. 122 East One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, died to-day in Bellevue Hospital.

The police of the East One Hundred and Fourth street station, upon receipt of news of Mrs. Green's death, began a search for a young woman known as Ellen Casey.

At the time of the assault in June Mrs. Green lived in a flat at No. 221 East One Hundred and First street with her sons, Harold and George. They found her bound, gagged and unconscious one night when they got home to dinner. She was unconscious in Harlem Hospital for twenty-five days. When she could speak she said that Ellen Casey, a young woman she had never seen before, a young man she never saw before called upon her, beat her into insensibility and bound her for purposes of robbery.

Ellen Casey was arrested, but the man was never found. Inasmuch as Mrs. Green did not go to the law to appear against the Casey woman, the case was allowed to drop. Finally Ellen Casey was released. Mrs. Green had a fainting fit last Sunday and her sons sent her to Bellevue.

## SLAYER'S STORY SAVES GORDON FROM CHAIR

## FALL RIVER BOAT SINKS TUG IN RIVER

Pilots' Association Will Be Asked to Protect Small Craft in Bay.

Wochince Again Confesses Murder for Which Another Was Held.

Side by side in Coronor Harburger's court to-day sat two men accused of a murder, one of whom was unexpectedly snatched from the shadow of the death-chair by the other. The coroner was the witness to the death of Maggie Gordon, found strangled in her room at No. 15 Second street on Nov. 3.

The men were Alexander Gordon, her husband, around whom the police wove a powerful chain of circumstantial evidence, and John Wochince, who smashed the chain in bits by confessing that he and not Gordon committed the murder.

Gordon, a hard-visaged, typical east-side cadet, shot occasional wondering glances at the man who saved him. Wochince was unmoved by the court proceedings. He sat with his long arms folded across his breast and the powerful fingers that choked the life out of Maggie Gordon interlaced, and nodded his head approvingly when his confession was repeated by a detective on the stand.

Assistant District Attorney Manley had charge of the presentation of evidence. He brought out, through police witnesses, that Maggie Gordon was a woman of the Bowery, living at the Second-street address with the creature whose name she bore. She was born in Pittsburgh of good family, and was well educated, but Gordon found her a profitable slave.

Policeman Scherer of the Fifth street station testified that early in the morning of Nov. 4 a man, whom he identified in court as Gordon, ran up to him on the Bowery and said a woman was dead at No. 15 Second street.

The woman was Maggie Gordon and the man was her husband, Scherer, who found the woman dead in her bed, clothed even to her feet. Her shoe and stocking of her right foot were on the floor near her bed. She had been strangled.

When police came to the room revealed \$2 hidden behind a picture hanging on the wall.

**Wochince's Confession.**

Following Scherer on the stand came women of the class of Maggie Gordon, who established her identity. Then Detective-Sergeant Weller, in whom Wochince made his first complete confession, was called.

Wasserman repeated the frightful story in detail, told by his wife to the woman near her home and accompanied her to her room. He held a general grudge against women. The idea of making money, one he had seen enter the house with Maggie Gordon. The door of the room had no sooner closed than he caught her by the hair and strangled her. She was strong and sturdy by years of work at his trade as a baker, choked her to death.

When he was sure she was dead he took off her stocking and found \$2 in it. He closed the door and walked out. No one saw him. He was absolutely silent.

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This face he had seen in the witness' home. He staggered when he walked. He asked me if I had read the papers about the woman who was killed in New York," Gebhard said.

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**Gordon Held as Witness.**

Gordon testified that he went out for package of cigarettes, was gone on his return. His wife died on his return. He married her in Pittsburgh six years ago.

Wochince was not allowed to testify, as he had not engaged counsel. The defense attorney, Mr. John H. Weller, said, "I am going to appeal."

John T. Eagleton, a lawyer at the service of the tenants, said, "I am at the service of the tenants of New York."

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**DYING WITH HICCOURSES,  
MAN ILL THREE MONTHS.**

Every Known Remedy Fails in Case of Patient in Hospital at Port Chester.

**SON TO GO FOR CROKER.**

**Richard, Jr., Will Bring His Father to This Country.**

Richard Croker, who will come to America the first week in December, will be received by the institution three months ago, and has been under treatment steadily since.

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## \$100,000 IN WILL FOR Eloping GIRL

Scranton Miss Can't Be Found and Money May Go to Hospital.

The cutting down of smaller harbor craft by steamboats of the Fall River Line was extended last night to the tug Arrow, commanded by Capt. Louis Larsen, and owned by Robert Rogers, of No. 25 South street, Manhattan. The Arrow was sunk by the freight steamer Pequot, en route to Fall River, and her crew only escaped by leaping to the deck of the dump scow Seabird, which it had to tow.

The crew of the Arrow claim that the captain of the Pequot totally disregarded lights shown from the tug.

With her tow the Arrow was proceeding from the Brooklyn Navy Yard to the lower end of Governor's Island, where the snow was to have been put on the tow of the tug Robert Rogers. Off the foot of Amity street, Brooklyn, shortly after 8 o'clock, the Pequot rounded the Battery and bore down upon the smaller craft, striking her amidships and sinking her in forty feet of water.

"I saved my life and those of my crew by calling upon them to jump for the snow," said Capt. Larsen. Those who escaped were Engineer John Gillen, Fireman Joseph Thorpe and Alexander Stearns. Standard William Maxwell and Deckhands Hugh Montgomery and Louis Anderson.

Owing to the frequency with which the Fall River boats have been running into wrecks, the Pequot was towed to the waters of the Hudson and New York City. Capt. Larsen will file a protest with the Pilots' Association. The Pequot slowed down last night until word was passed up from the rear to the captain of the Arrow's crew. Fall River Line officials deny that the tug captain was following his proper course, and claims that their vessel had the right way up the East River.

## ATY-GEN. MAYER IN EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL

At Woodruff's Kamp Kill Kare He Injured His Left Eye on the Corner of a Newspaper.

Attorney-General Julius M. Mayer is in the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital suffering from malignant and dangerous affection of his left eye. With good fortune it may be out in a week. It was said last night.

His injury was received at State Children's Dispensary, Woodruff's Kamp Kill Kare, in the Adirondacks.

Mr. Mayer went with others of the candidates as Mr. Woodruff's guest-elect. He was reading a newspaper Saturday morning and, in turning the paper, a sharp corner of it scratched the delicate surface of the eye. Mr. Mayer is near-sighted, and was holding the paper close to his face.

He came to the city yesterday morning with Chairman Woodruff and consulted a physician, who advised him to go into a hospital for treatment at once.

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